



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5107**

LCO No. 5064



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE  
CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC  
INSTALLATIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-252 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (a) As used in this subsection, "geotechnical" means any geological  
5 condition, such as soil and subsurface soil condition, which may affect  
6 the structural characteristics of a building or structure. The State  
7 Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall,  
8 jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative  
9 Services, adopt and administer a State Building Code based on a  
10 nationally recognized model building code for the purpose of  
11 regulating the design, construction and use of buildings or structures  
12 to be erected and the alteration of buildings or structures already  
13 erected and make such amendments thereto as they, from time to time,  
14 deem necessary or desirable. Such amendments shall be limited to  
15 administrative matters, geotechnical and weather-related portions of

16 said code, amendments to said code necessitated by a provision of the  
 17 general statutes and any other matter which, based on substantial  
 18 evidence, necessitates an amendment to said code. The code shall be  
 19 revised (1) not later than January 1, 2005, and thereafter as deemed  
 20 necessary to incorporate any subsequent revisions to the code not later  
 21 than eighteen months following the date of first publication of such  
 22 subsequent revisions to the code, and (2) not later than January 1, 2016,  
 23 to incorporate revisions to the National Electrical Code adopted by the  
 24 National Fire Protection Association in 2014, and thereafter as deemed  
 25 necessary to incorporate any subsequent revisions, but in no event  
 26 later than one year following the date of first publication of any  
 27 subsequent revisions to the National Electrical Code. The purpose of  
 28 [said] the State Building Code shall also include, but not be limited to,  
 29 promoting and ensuring that such buildings and structures are  
 30 designed and constructed in such a manner as to conserve energy and,  
 31 wherever practicable, facilitate the use of renewable energy resources,  
 32 including provisions for electric circuits capable of supporting electric  
 33 vehicle charging in any newly constructed residential garage in any  
 34 code adopted after July 8, 2013. [Said] The State Building Code  
 35 includes any code, rule or regulation incorporated therein by reference.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2015	29-252(a)
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable*